

led to disastrous results, accept the views of the Canadian Labour Congress, the opposition and other sensible people—

Some hon. Members: Oh, oh!

Mr. Hees: —and introduce policies that make sense and will lead the country in a proper and sensible direction?

Mr. Speaker: Order. I believe the hon. member for York South has a supplementary.

INFLATION—FIGURES ON DIVISION OF INCOME
USED BY PRIME MINISTER AT MEETING
WITH CANADIAN LABOUR CONGRESS

Mr. David Lewis (York South): Mr. Speaker, I should like to direct a supplementary to the Prime Minister arising out of some figures that he used this morning in regard to the division of the national income between the various sectors of the economy. Would the Prime Minister agree to table the schedule of figures, showing the position from 1950 to now, on which his statement to the Canadian Labour Congress was based?

Right Hon. P. E. Trudeau (Prime Minister): Mr. Speaker, if the House desires this it will be done. They are figures produced by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics.

Mr. Speaker: Order. The hon. member for York South has suggested that a certain document be tabled. Is there agreement that the document referred to by the right hon. Prime Minister and the hon. member be tabled?

Some hon. Members: Agreed.

Mr. G. W. Baldwin (Peace River): Mr. Speaker, I have a supplementary question for the Prime Minister. Could he tell the House whether he advised the labour leaders as to what level the government would be prepared to allow unemployment to rise to in its war against inflation before it came to the conclusion that the casualties were too great?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, it was the labour movement that was presenting a brief, not the Liberal or Conservative party.

Mr. Hees: Mr. Speaker, since the Prime Minister seems to have chimed in about every two minutes with this labour bit, could he not tell us what he said out in the open so that we would have full knowledge of it?

Mr. Speaker: Order.

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Mr. David Orlikow (Winnipeg North): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. With regard to the percentage of income that he attributed to labour, could the Prime Minister tell the House whether these were figures for working people or figures showing wages, salaries and professional fees?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, there was so much noise as the question began that I did not understand it.

Mr. Orlikow: Mr. Speaker, I should like to ask the Prime Minister whether, when he referred in his statement this morning to the percentage of income received by workers, he was referring to wages, wages and salaries, or wages, salaries and professional fees received by people in the labour force?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I referred to two sets of figures. One set of figures showed that in the past 20 years the share of profits in national income had dropped by 25 per cent. The other set of figures indicated that the share of salaries, including wages and earnings, had increased by nearly 20 per cent over the past 20 years.

Mr. J. Edward Broadbent (Oshawa-Whitby): A supplementary question, Mr. Speaker. Apparently the Prime Minister misunderstood the question. I understood my colleague to ask the Prime Minister whether the figures to which he referred this morning included the income of professional people.

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I think the hon. member misunderstood my answer. The answer is yes. I said it included all of these things, and no member should take offence at this. I indicated that it was good that there had been a transfer of resources over the past 20 years, a very heavy transfer, from the profits sector to the wages, salaries and other income sector.

Mr. T. C. Douglas (Nanaimo-Cowichan-The Islands): Mr. Speaker, may I ask the Prime Minister, when he produces the figures asked for by my colleague from York South, whether he would break down the figures showing what percentage of the national income is wages, what part executive salaries, and what part professional fees, in order to give an accurate picture of the distribution of income?

Mr. Trudeau: Mr. Speaker, I am tabling the document, but if the leader of the New Democratic party wants me to make a little speech about it I will do so. As to the first question